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Sen. Sanborn hails signing of his grandparents-visitation bill

LANSING – Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Township, today praised the groups that worked with him to enact legislation that reinstates the ability of grandparents to visit their grandchildren under certain circumstances.

“I know people pushing for this had a long wait, but our effort has finally paid off,” Sanborn said. “We’ve corrected a problem in state law that was keeping grandparents from their grandchildren. My bill gives grandparents the opportunity to see their grandchild while always making sure such visits are in the best interest of the child.”

Sanborn began working on the issue after the Michigan Supreme Court, following a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, struck down the state law governing the visitation rights of grandparents.

The new law, Public Act 542 of 2004, Sanborn said “is the product of many months of effort on the part of my Senate colleagues, staff, counsel and family law professionals.”

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